

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLI-
CATION OF : Kevin Rodney Lassila, et al.
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Sir:

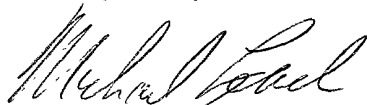
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the divisional application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Delete Claims 21-25.

Respectfully submitted,



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